MURDER SOLVES HIS PROBLEM

Milwaukee Man Kills Wife and Then Shoots Himself.

LIFE WITHOUT LOVE IMPOSSIBLE

Met His Affinity on Train and Found His Family Relations Unbearable Afterward—Full Confession.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 20.—George Willoughby, manager of the Jewett & Sherman company, coffee and spice mills, early today shot and killed his wife at their home on Prospect avenue. Willoughby then shot himself and is not expected to recover. Willoughby confessed to the police that he had committed the murder because he was infatuated with another woman whom he had been supporting for four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby last evening had attended a social at the Park Place Methodist Episcopal church, where both were prominent workers. Mr. Willoughby also taught a Sunday school class. After the social they visited his brother, Leroy Willoughby, and returned home. There a quarrel followed, after which both retired. While Mrs. Willoughby was asleep he chloroformed her and then shot her behind the left ear, causing instant death. He then shot himself.

Willoughby made the confession while he lay in bed and in the presence of Dr. Charles H. Lemon and Detective Dennis Sullivan and a nurse. At first he denied he had shot his wife, but when the police showed him that the burglar theory was impossible he confessed.

"I married my wife twenty years ago," said Willoughby. "I did not love her, but married her mostly out of sympathy, she being a poor woman. Our life has never been a happy one. We frequently quarreled. Mrs. Willoughby was insanely jealous of me.

Met His Affinity.

"Matters went on this way for years. Four years ago, while I was on my way to New York, I met a woman on the train. Our acquaintance ripened into love. Then for the first time I realized I had met a woman I truly loved.

"This woman also was living an unhappy life. Her husband was cruel to her, and soon after I met her he deserted her and her two small children. I then began to support her. We became intimate and have been so for several years. Two years ago she obtained a divorce, and since that time I have been providing for her and her children. She is now living in Chicago.

"My domestic affairs did not improve and a long time ago I decided that I would end it all. How to do it was what bothered me, and for some months I have been planning a way. I began to collect chloroform. I bought it in small lots and began to keep it until I had a bottle of the drug. This I saved until I might decide to carry out my plans.

"I decided to end it all this morning. After my wife had fallen asleep I obtained the chloroform and then I shot her. I then fired two shots into my breast, intending to shoot myself in the heart, but I failed. I did not have any more cartridges, so I decided to hide the revolver. That is the whole story."

Willoughby is 50 years old. His wife was three years his junior.

Laid Deed to Burglars.

After killing his wife and shooting himself Willoughby had dragged himself downstairs to the basement, opened the side door so as to make it appear that burglars had committed the deed, hid the revolver in the wall of the basement and then telephoned for a doctor. When the police were notified they were informed that a burglar had shot both Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby, but when the officials arrived they at once concluded that it was murder and attempted suicide and later obtained the confession from Willoughby.

RAILWAY ENGINEERS ADJOURN

Walter G. Berg of New York Elected President of Maintenance of Way Association.

CHICAGO, March 20.—The American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way association closed its ninth annual convention today after electing officers and selecting Chicago as the meeting place for 1909.

The election of officers today resulted as follows:

President—Walter G. Berg, New York, chief engineer, Lehigh Valley railroad.

Vice President—L. C. Fritch, Chicago, assistant to the president, Illinois Central railroad.

Treasurer—W. C. Dawley, St. Louis, chief engineer, Missouri and North Arkansas railroad.

Secretary—E. H. Fritch, Chicago, (re-elected).

Directors for Three Years—C. S. Churchill, Roanoke, Va., chief engineer, Norfolk & Western railway; Edwin F. Wendt, Pittsburg, assistant engineer, Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad.

Kecks Have a Team.

The Kecks have organized for the season of 1908 and will be ready to play any team in or out of the city averaging 15 years of age about the first or second Sunday in April. The lineup will be: Prefley, catcher; Trotter, pitcher; Champeney, first base; Horsman, second base; Young, shortstop; Bunnill, third base; Tadlock, right field; Kasic, center field. The Kecks would like to hear from some good player for left field.

MINERS READY FOR STRIKE

Decide it Will Come Where Operators Refuse to Negotiate.

PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT LEVIED

Fifty-Cent Tax Against Each Member of the Association in Case of Need in Coming to Settlements.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 20.—The national convention of the United Mine Workers of America today completed its discussion of the report of the scale committee by sections. The first section adopted today was the one which levies an assessment of 50 cents per month on all members of the organization. This assessment, as explained yesterday to the convention by Secretary Wilson, is for the purpose of adding to the fund for the assistance of members of the union who by failure to secure contracts on April 1 may be forced to idleness.

Other sections adopted authorized the international board to increase, decrease or discontinue this assessment, ordered miners to proceed to work where contracts are signed or joint conferences are being held on April 1 and ordered all miners to cease work on that date in districts where no contracts have been signed or joint conferences are not in progress.

Details Left with Board.

All additional details were left to the national executive board. After the report of the scale committee had been adopted without change it was adopted as a whole and the committee was discharged, with the thanks of the convention.

The action of President Mitchell in sending national board members W. R. Fairley of Alabama and Thomas Haggerty of Pennsylvania to Washington to join other labor leaders in urging congress to repeal the section of the Sherman anti-trust law relating to labor contracts was approved by the convention.

A motion urging all miners to support for legislative offices those in sympathy with labor organizations was adopted. The delegates sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and then the convention adjourned sine die.

President Mitchell had bade the delegates farwell on his retirement as their leader, urging them to stand by the organization and its officers.

SILVER FOR BATTLESHIP

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was given three days in which to file a motion for a new trial. The court has not yet passed sentence.

BLUE HILL—The Board of Education has secured former Congressman Shallenberger of Alma to deliver the commencement address at the close of the school year.

BLUE HILL—Tuesday evening while the Workmen lodge was in meeting the Degree of Honor members quietly went up to the hall with plenty of baskets laden with good things to eat, and gave the Workmen members a feast.

FAIRBURY—Charley Fitch, formerly owner of the Reservoir Ice company of this place, died at Santa Fe, N. M., Wednesday night, where he had been living for several months in hopes of better health. The body will be brought to Fairbury for interment.

FREMONT—There is no trace of Hines, the Morse Bluffs merchant who disappeared a week ago and circumstances that have recently developed indicate that he has left for parts unknown. He had considerable money with him and a new suit of clothes, Sheriff Bauman, who has investigated the case, is of the opinion that the man is alive.

TECUMSEH—A meeting of the Johnson county democrats has been called for Tecumseh Saturday, March 28, at which time it is proposed to organize a Bryan club.

HUMBOLDT—Mr. Claude Fergus, son of the late J. Corwin Fergus, a leading farmer and stockman of southeastern Nebraska, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Fergus, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's father, Preston W. Fergus, in the east part of the county.

HUMBOLDT—Miss Olive Hendrix, daughter of G. W. Hendrix and wife, south of this city, was married to Mr. C. L. Baird of Marion, Kan., the ceremony being performed by County Judge Barton of Pawnee county.

PAPILLION—Henry Cory, who was arrested for striking P. W. Chapman, had his hearing today before County Judge Begly and a jury. He was found guilty and fined $25 and costs. Mr. Cory refused to pay the fine and costs and was taken to jail.

TECUMSEH—The Burlington exhibit car is on track at this station. The car is filled with samples of grains, grasses, vegetables, etc., grown along the Burlington road in this and other states, a special showing being made of the resources of irrigated sections. Many people visit the car daily.

TECUMSEH—Samuel P. Parker sent in his declination to stand as a candidate for mayor of the city of Tecumseh, to the city central committee, last evening. His opponent, William Ernst, the present mayor, had previously resigned. The committee named Hon. Washington Robb and Clarence M. Shaw as the candidates, and these gentlemen have consented to make the race. There is no politics in city affairs here, the license issues receiving a direct vote and two nonpartisan candidates being named for each office.

WYMORE—Company K of the First regiment, Nebraska National Guard, was inspected Tuesday night by Major Davison and Adjutant General Schwarz. The showing made was favorable in spite of the fact that the organization has been drilling as an infantry company but a short time.

WYMORE—A movement is on foot to organize a city base ball league. The Burlington employes have two teams, one among the shop boys and one among the clerks, who style themselves the Penpushers. Each side of the main street will put a team in the field.

COLUMBUS—For the next two years all letters for Mr. William Cubbison will have to be addressed in care of the warden of the Nebraska penitentiary at Lincoln. Willam was brought before the district court, charged with adultery. The charge was proved and Judge George H. Thomas gave him a sentence of two years, and he has entered upon his duties at the pen.

WYMORE—Wymore High school will debate with Falls City here the 27th, taking the negative of the question, "Resolved, That the government should own, operate and control all railways within its borders." Jean Hargrave, Carl Worley and Cecil Neumann will represent the local school. A debate will be held with Beatrice later this month on the navy question.

TECUMSEH—President W. K. Taylor of the Johnson County Corn club has received a letter from headquarters to the effect that Johnson county was the first in the state to organize for an exhibit at the interstate corn show to be held in Omaha next December. Johnson county farmers are taking interest and weekly meetings are being held.

WYMORE—John J. Ryder, deputy labor commissioner, was in the city Tuesday and inspected the public buildings. He has not yet reported on the opera house. He has given a written opinion to the school board regarding the Central school building in which he recommends two fire escapes built from the upstairs rooms, in addition to the one from the high school room. He also recommends that the laboratory be removed from the basement and that chemicals be stored in some other place. He condemns the use of oil on the floor and recommends sawdust. The communication has not been before the board, but it is probable that immediate action will be taken along the lines suggested by Mr. Ryder.

CENTRAL CITY—The town of Clarks has been indulging in considerable excitement lately and as a result the docket of the district court will contain two new cases from there when the court convenes again. The first affair occurred early in the week, when William McConnell, a citizen of Clarks, and three boys of a family by the name of Church, living near there, became engaged in a quarrel, and while McConnell had one of the boys down punishing him Roy Church, the boy's brother, attacked him with a knife, inflicting several serious cuts. The other unpleasantness was between Otto Whittaker and Fred Kramer. Whittaker and Kramer quarreled and exchanged some uncomplimentary epithets. Upon meeting later they again became engaged in an altercation and came to blows. Whittaker got hold to an old monkeywrench and struck Kramer behind the ear, inflicting quite a painful wound. Whittaker was arrested and upon appearing before Justice Beardsley was bound over to the district court.

TRUMBULL—On Wednesday evening at the Odd Fellows' lodge room was the largest attended wedding ever known in this section. The contracting parties were Alvin Cunningham, a prosperous young farmer, and Miss Mary Harter, daughter of "Mine Host" Harter. The ceremony took place at 6:30 p. m. and was followed by supper to about 150 in the lodge room. The floral decorations were many and beautiful, presents many and costly.

Blackfoot Indian Agent.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The president today nominated James Saunders of Montana to be agent for the Indians of the Blackfoot agency in Montana.

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